



Purpose

Sinkyone Wilderness State Park General Plan Draft

Definition of Declaration of Purpose

The Declaration of Purpose describes the purpose of the park and is the broadest statement of management goals designed to fulfill the vision of the park. A Declaration of Purpose is required by Public Resources Code Section 5002.2(b), "setting forth specific long-range management objectives for the Park consistent with the park's classification ..."

Draft Declaration of Purpose for Sinkyone Wilderness State Park

The purpose of Sinkyone Wilderness State Park is to protect, preserve, and perpetuate the outstanding natural, cultural, and aesthetic values of a large stretch of pristine Pacific coastline for the education, use, and enjoyment of current and future generations of the people of California. The park contains significant biological resources, including old growth redwood stands; numerous undammed coastal fish-bearing streams; habitat for threatened and endangered plant, wildlife, and fish species; and a mosaic of native vegetation types. The park provides an important link and essential wildlife corridor to other protected areas in the region. The park also contains significant cultural resources such as Sinkyone Indian village sites and seasonal encampments, remnants of Euro-American settlement, and early logging sites. Outstanding scenic values are provided by the park's sweeping ocean vistas, dramatic high bluffs, isolated offshore islands, and black sand beaches.

Protecting these resources while providing opportunities for their appreciation and enjoyment by park visitors will be accomplished through designation of portions of the park as wilderness, through implementation of adaptive resource management programs, and through the provision of high-quality recreation experiences in accordance with the State Parks Mission and in close cooperation with park stakeholders and neighbors.